

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph insert:

Q1 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, after the first paragraph and before the second paragraph insert:

Q2 BACKGROUND

On page 1, after the fifth paragraph and before the sixth paragraph insert:

Q3 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, replace paragraph 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q4 -- In this description, the term information bus is used to represent information relating to a coding operation, which information accompanies a decoded signal, a partially decoded signal or a yet-to-be-coded signal. More details can be found with reference to US Patent No. 6,285,716 (WO-A-9535628). The information bus is preferably embedded within a video signal as disclosed in WO-A-9803017. The content of US Patent No. 6,285,716 ~~both WO-A-9535628 and WO-A-9803017~~ is herein incorporated by reference.--

On page 2, after the eleventh paragraph and before the twelfth paragraph insert:

Q5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 3, after the fifteenth paragraph and before the sixteenth paragraph insert:

Q6 DETAILED DESCRIPTION